

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An interconnect 1, comprising:
at least one male element ~~(10)~~ having one or more contact members ~~(11)~~; and
at least one female element ~~(20)~~ having one or more contact areas ~~(23)~~, wherein
said at least one female element ~~(20)~~ is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.
2. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 1, wherein said one or more
contact members ~~(11)~~ pivotally cooperate with at least one hub member ~~(12)~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 2, wherein said one or more
contact members ~~(11)~~ can cooperate with said one or more contact areas ~~(23)~~ of said at
least one female element ~~(20)~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 2, wherein said at least one
hub member ~~(12)~~ has a controller ~~(16)~~ for cooperating with said one or more contact
members ~~(11)~~.
5. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 4, wherein said controller
~~(16)~~ controls the pivotal positioning of said one or more contact members ~~(11)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 1, wherein said fiber
construction of said at least one female element ~~(20)~~ forms a socket ~~(21)~~ with said one or
more contact areas ~~(23)~~ being situated therein.
7. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 6, wherein said one or more
contact members ~~(11)~~ are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said socket
and/or said one or more contact areas ~~(23)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) A garment or upholstery ~~(60)~~ having the interconnect ~~(1)~~ of

claim 6.

9. (Currently Amended) The interconnect ~~(1)~~ of claim 6, wherein said socket ~~(21)~~ of said at least one female element ~~(20)~~ and said one or more contact members ~~(11)~~ of said at least one male element ~~(10)~~ are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with any of a variety of electronic devices/systems ~~(50)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A connecting assembly ~~1~~, comprising:
at least one male element ~~(10)~~ having at least two contact members ~~(11)~~; and
at least one female element ~~(20)~~ having at least two contact areas ~~(23)~~, wherein said at least one female element ~~(20)~~ is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.

11. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly ~~(1)~~ of claim 10, further comprising at least one hub member ~~(12)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly ~~(1)~~ of claim 11, wherein said at least two contact members ~~(11)~~ pivotally cooperate with said at least one hub member ~~(12)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly ~~(1)~~ of claim 12, wherein said at least two contact members ~~(11)~~ can interact with said at least two contact areas ~~(23)~~ of said at least one female element ~~(20)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly ~~(1)~~ of claim 12, wherein said at least one hub member ~~(12)~~ has a controller ~~(16)~~ for cooperating with said at least two contact members ~~(11)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly ~~(1)~~ of claim 14, wherein said controller ~~(16)~~ influences the pivotal positioning of said at least two contact members ~~(11)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1)-of claim 10, wherein the flexible fiber construction of said at least one female element (20)-has at least one socket (21)-with said at least two contact areas (23)-being on and/or integral with a surface (24) of said at least one socket-(21).

17. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1)-of claim 16, wherein said at least two contact members (11)-are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said at least one socket-(21), said at least two contact areas-(23), and/or one or more electronic devices/systems-(50).

18. (Currently Amended) A garment or upholstery (60)-having the connecting assembly (1)-of claim 16.

19. (Currently Amended) A connecting assembly-(1), comprising:
at least one male element (10)-having one or more conductive contact members (11)-with at least one accessory-(17); and
at least one female element (20)-being of a flexible fiber construction and having one or more conductive contact areas (23), wherein said one or more contact members (11)-are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said one or more contact areas, (23)-and/or one or more electronic devices/systems and wherein said one or more contact areas are on an inner surface of periphery of the at least one female element.

20. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1)-of claim 19, wherein said accessory (17)-facilitates said one or more conductive contact members (11)-being adjusted between at least one first state (14, 18)-and at least one second state-(15, 19).